Capsule Summary SM-164 Marvin Fowler Farmhouse Budd's Creek vicinity Private

Circa 1850 -1860

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SM-164, Marvin Fowler Farm St. Mary's County Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Agricultural/Industrial Transition, 1815 -1870.

Historic Period Theme:

Agriculture **Architecture**

Resource Type

Category:

Structure

Historic Environment:

Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Residence

Known Design Source:

None

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 3

7. Description

The Marvin Fowler Farm is located at the end of a dirt road on the north side of Thompsons Corner Road (Route 236) near Budd's Creek in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The Farm consists of the main dwelling house and six outbuildings. The house faces south with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

The Marvin Fowler Farm is a telescope like structure which has a central two-story, main block with a one-story wing on its east end and a two-story gable end structure on its west end. Only the two-story west gable end structure is original, dating to around 1860. The central two-story structure and one-story east wing were erected in the 1980s following the demolition of the earliest central section of the house and the removal of the eastern kitchen wing. This new construction is almost identical in scale to the central and eastern sections of the original house.

The exterior of all three sections of the Marvin Fowler Farmhouse are sheathed with vinyl siding. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The house is supported by a continuous masonry foundation. In some cases, bricks taken from the chimney and foundation of the older sections of the house were reused in the foundation of the new construction.

The south (main) elevation of the west wing of the house is lit on the first floor by two four-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds and a cyma curve crown molding. The interior edges of the surrounds are beaded. The second floor is lit by two four-over-four sash windows with wide surrounds and a peaked cyma curve crown molding. A three-sided louvered vent pierces the eave. The gable end roofline is finished with an eave board finished with wood scroll decoration. The apex of the roofline is finished with a wood pendant. To the east of the original west wing of the house extends the 1980s additions.

The east elevation of the west wing is completely obscured by the modern eastern additions.

The first floor of the west wing's north elevation is obscured by a modern shed roof addition. The second floor is lit by one one-over-one sash window on the second floor. The roofline is finished with the same scroll decoration and pendant as on the south elevation.

The west elevation is pierced on the first floor by two four-over-four sash windows with wide surrounds and a peaked, cyma curve crown molding. The second floor is lit by two four-over-four sash windows with wide surrounds and a flat cyma

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The tract on which this house stands first appears in the St. Mary's County Land Records as "Last Resort." In the deed records of the early twentieth century it is also referred to as "Sunnyside." Luke W. D. Hutchins owned the 230 acre tract in 1861 when he sold it to William A. Kirk. It remained in the Kirk family until the 1930s.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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curve crown molding.

The interior of the west wing is one large room on the first floor. The ceiling of this room is finished with an elaborate oval plaster medallion. The second floor, accessible by means of a stairway in the center section of the house, consists of three bedrooms. The attic space of the house's center section reveals the up and down sawn lumber and mature machine cut nails which comprise the fabric of this west wing.

The outbuildings on the property include a small, modern cinderblock building on the north side of the house. Also on the north side of the house is the former kitchen wing which was detached and moved to its current location in the 1980s. The kitchen wing is a one-story frame structure sheathed with german siding and roofed with metal. The south side of the kitchen, originally the wing's north side, is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows and a five-panel door. The east end is open. The north side of the kitchen, originally its main facade, is lit by two window openings. The roofline is broken by a central gable lit by a diamond shaped window. The west side of kitchen is pierced by one window opening. The interior walls of the kitchen are sheathed with decorative pressed metal.

Five frame outbuildings stand on the northwest side of the house. One of these is a stable in deteriorated condition which faces east with its gable roof on an east/west axis. The stable is sheathed with board and batten siding and roofed with metal. The foundation consists of concrete. The stable timbers include hewn members and up and down sawn corner posts which have been reused in the structure. The original stables were much larger, and located east of their current location. They burned in the twentieth century.

A granary building located north of the stable faces east with its gable roof on an east/west axis. It is sheathed with vertical siding and roofed with metal. The celing joists are hewn on one side. The ground sills and corner posts are mortise and tenoned and pegged into place. Mature machine cut nails have been used throughout the building.

A third outbuilding, situated north of the granary, faces east with its gable roof on an east/west axis. It is sheathed with vertical siding which has been attached with mature machine cut nails. The roof is metal over the original wood shingles. Its ground sills rest on concrete blocks. The structure's tie beams are half lapped into the principal posts and extend beyond the exterior wall. These tie beams then support a false plate on which the rafters rest. On the north, west, and south sides of the structure are narrow, rectangular windows infilled with metal bars. A loft was added to the building interior at a later date. Hewn timbers frame the doorway on the east side

SM-164, Marvin Fowler Farmhouse St. Mary's County 7.2 Description

of the building, but the top plate is circular sawn. The use for this building is unclear.

Two large frame barns stand to the north of the smaller outbuildings. One of these was built in the 1940s and is currently used for storage. The second barn is a tobacco barn built in the 1980s. An ice house was formerly located near a stream on the north side of the most recently constructed tobacco barn.

SM-164, Marvin Fowler Farm St. Mary's County 8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Marvin L. and Martha E. Fowler FROM: James T. and Eleanor Baker

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 62, folio 62.

DATE: March 13, 1956

NOTES: Transfer of a tract formerly belonging to Margaret B. Saxton.

TO: James T. and Eleanor Baker FROM: Margaret B. Saxton, widow.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 17, folio 106.

DATE: April 30, 1945.

NOTES: Transfer of 119 1/4 acres, being the same as JMM 11/263.

TO: Margaret B. Saxton

FROM: John H. T. Briscoe, executor of the last will and testament of Ida Kirk

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 11, folio 263.

DATE: November 1, 1938.

NOTES: Transfer of 1.) portion of "Last Resort" or "Sunnyside" being about 14 acres including the dwelling, lawn, orchards, and gardens. This is a portion of JTB 3/568 which Ida Kirk inherited from Martha E. Kirk. 2.) Portion of "Last Resort" or "Sunnyside" being 40 acres of a field, same as JMM 5/44. 3.) Part of "Barber's Enclosure" being a portion of the home farm of Ida Kirk which lies south of Budd's Creek-Bethel Road, also known as The South Field or Bethel Field of the Home Farm. This tract is 54 acres, although it appears in the deed reference as 35 acres, and the same as JMM 8/62.

TO: Ida Kirk

FROM: Martha Kirk

RECORD: St. Mary's County Orphan's Court Record, Estate #597.

DATE: 1925

NOTES: Martha Kirk died intestate.

TO: Martha E. Kirk

FROM: Luke W. B. Hutchins, Lydia A. Hutchins, Y. Fred Maddox, Trustee.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JAC 2, folio 296.

DATE: May 24, 1867.

NOTES: Hutchins contracted to sell Elizabeth's Purchase and Part Hard Bargain, being 200 acres, to W.A. Kirk allowing Kirk to take possession of the property before he had paid for it in full. No deed was recorded for this transfer. By 1866, Kirk still owed money on the land. At the Court of Equity on June 20, 1866 in the case John M.

SM-164, Marvin Fowler Farm St. Mary's County 8.2 Significance

Broome vs. W.A. Kirk, Maddox was appointed to sell the land (Decree Record JAC 2/357) in order to satisfy Kirk's creditors.

TO: Martha E. Kirk FROM: Robert Ford

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 3, folio 568.

DATE: March 25, 1861.

NOTES: Transfer of "Last Resort", 230 acres formerly owned by Luke W.D.Hutchins being the same upon which William A. Kirk now resides. Also, one tract known as part of "Barber's Enclosure" being 72 acres, the same bought by Kirk of H.G.S. Key. On January 30 1864, Tippett divided Lot No. 5 of Barber's Inclosure into two equal parts between William A. Kirk and Eleanor Carpenter.

TO: Robert Ford

FROM: William A. Kirk

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 3, folio 568.

DATE: March 25, 1861.

NOTES: Transfer of property being the same as that listed above.

None of the properties transfered to Luke W. D. Hutchins prior to 1861 are referred to as "Last Resort." "Last Resort" is also not included in Ben Tippett's survey books. The provenance of the tract is unclear.

ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE

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MARVIN FOWLER FARM
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Local tradition identifies the location and name of this site. Requires further study.

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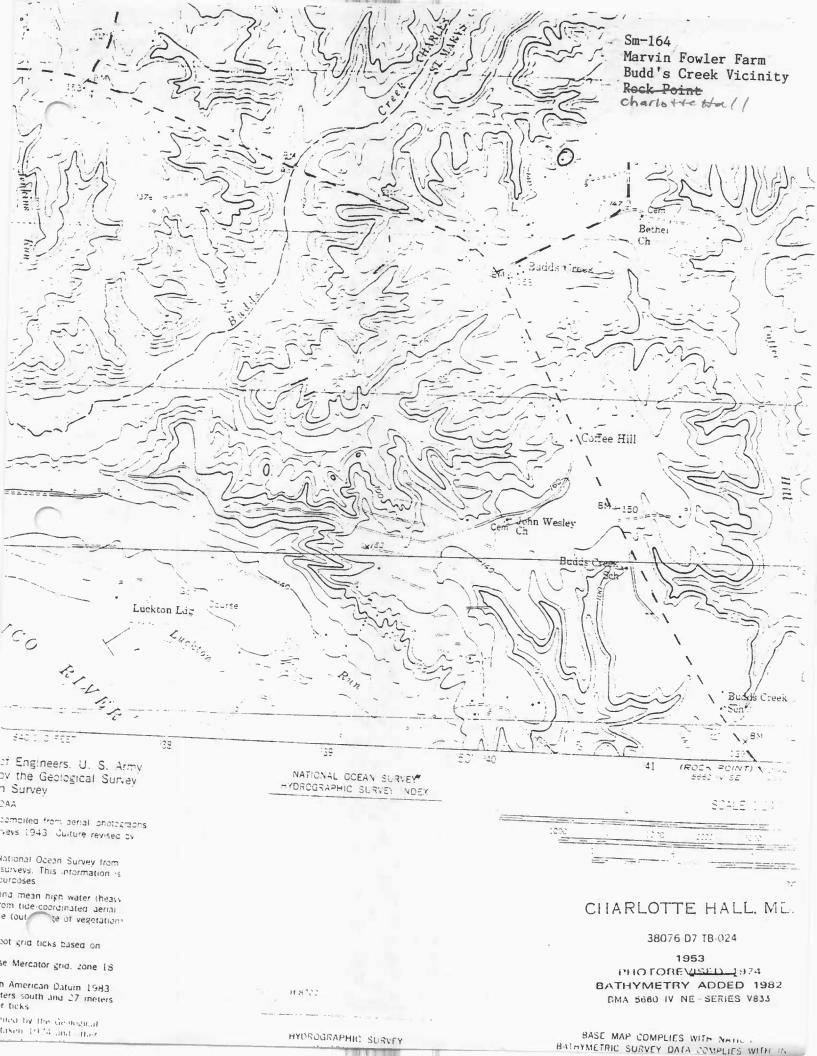
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